except on the basis of export obligation of a minimum of 75 per cent of their production Further a small scale unit which is subsidiary of or owned or controlled by a medium or large scale industrial undertaking is not eligible for special concessions and incentives intended for the small scale units. As the small scale units are registered by the concerned Directi-rate of Industries in the State Governments, the question of considering any action under the provisions of I(D&R) Act would arise only if such cases are specifically brought to the notice of the Central Government.

Assistance in surplus against the select list

1728. SHRI NATHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to administrative lapses his Ministry have taken ten surplus Assistants from the select list;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for sending requisition to the Department of Personnel and Administrative Re forms for nomination of two more mts from out of those selected as a result of the examination held in 1984;

(c) what steps have been taken to withdraw this requisition from the Department of Personnel and Ad ministrative Reforms; and

(d) by when these ten Assistants are likely to be declared permanent and whether they have been informed in writing by their parent depart ments/Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms or by his Ministry that they were being ap pointed against the select list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) •. (a) 9 Select List Assistants have been taken on their nomination by Deptt. of Personnel and Training under the zoning scheme against long term vacancies available in the Ministry of Petroleum.

(b) and (c) The two vacancies of Assistants were notified to the Deptt. of Personnel & Training for direct recruits for 1984 Examination on *the* basis of quota fixed for DR. Assistants. As such the question of withdrawing the requisition does not arise.

(d) Action has already been initiated for converting two temporary posts °f Assistants into permanent ones. Possibilities would be explored to convert more such temporary-posts of Assistants into permanent posts as become due so as to adjust the Select List Assistants against them. It is proposed to request the Department of Personnel and Training to reallot such of the Assistants who cannot be adjusted against permanent vacancies to some other cadres.

The nine Assistants were given offer in writing by their parent Departments for posting against Sele-t List in other cadres.

L.P.G. agency in Karwar

1729. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister 0f PETROLEUM be pleased To state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no LPG agency in Karwar in North Karnataka;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether people from Karwar and the adjoining areas are facing tremendous hardships due to abseme of LPG facility in Karwar; and

(d) what immediate steps are proposed to be taken to mitigate the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) LPG facility is being extended to new towns in a phased manner, keeping in view the economic viability of a dealership, availability of LPG bottling capacity and infrastructur facilities. Two LPG